

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/U.S. MARINE CORPS BOARD**

**1. REFERENCES:**

a. Ref a is the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)/U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC), General James L. Jones, and Commander in Chief, USSOCOM (USCINCSOC), General Charles R. Holland, on 9 November 2001, re-establishing the USSOCOM/USMC Board.

b. Ref b is the USSOCOM/USMC board agenda items, 6 December 2001, staffed at/through HQMC and USSOCOM requesting topics. Suspense: 19 December 2001.

c. Ref c is the USSOCOM message, 192218ZDEC2001, announcing the USSOCOM and U.S. Marine Corps MOA and first Marine Corps USSOCOM Board, 22-24 January 2002.

**2. PURPOSE:** This is a coordinated USSOCOM/Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) executive summary announcing the results of the first meeting of the USSOCOM/USMC Board. The purpose of this summary is to provide an overview of the issues discussed, decisions made, the way ahead for specific issues, and specific responsibilities for action; and identifying the program of action and milestones leading to the next board. From 22-24 January 2002, representatives of USSOCOM and USMC met per the terms outlined in ref a in order to:

a. Examine current capabilities and missions to leverage the unique capabilities of each organization, thus enhancing interoperability.

b. Establish and continue the interface between continental U.S. (CONUS)-based and theater-based special operations forces (SOF) and deploying Marine air-ground task forces.

c. Synchronize USSOCOM and USMC warfighting developments, as well as materiel research and procurement initiatives.

**3. DISCUSSION:**

a. The board achieved the goals established by USCINCSOC and CMC for the first meeting. The board resulted in plans designed to support short- and long-term goals regarding the emerging relationship between USSOCOM and USMC. The members of the board also agreed that the key to future success is to remain engaged at the executive and action officer level to develop each of the issues discussed through aggressive coordination between now and the next board meeting during October 2002 at Quantico, Virginia. The board conducted organizational capabilities briefings providing knowledge to the board participants; two days of working group meetings; and a final plenary session to discuss decisions, issues and the way ahead. The immediate results of the working groups is captured in a detailed, 12-page document that identifies major points and topics discussed, recommendations, office(s) of

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primary responsibility (OPR) assignment, and the way ahead. The following chart synthesizes the working group's efforts.


Working Group	Number of Topics	Recommendations
Operations	4	7
Future Concepts	2	2
Training	4	8
Information Operations	4	10
Communications/C4	5	12
Intelligence	2	5
Equipment/Technology	6	14
Aviation	3	7

b. A follow-on meeting was conducted during the period 5-7 March, where representatives of the Naval Special Warfare Command, United States Special Operations Command, and the United States Marine Corps met to discuss a possible USMC contribution to SOCOM. These talks included discussions of the continued need to maximize KC-130 support to SOF, a notional USMC package that would be OPCON to SOCOM, and a possible pilot program to determine the feasibility of a USMC contribution to SOF. The Naval Special Warfare Command is the executive agent for SOCOM and continues discussions with representatives of the US Marine Corps.

4. **PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES:** In addition to the milestones and dates listed within each working group's area of the detailed results of the USSOCOM/USMC board meeting document, the following are key milestones and dates for the upcoming year:

- a. Agenda items, schedule, and requirements for IPR will be promulgated at a later date.
- b. IPR at Marine Corps Combat Development Center, Quantico, Virginia, during June 2002.
- c. USSOCOM/USMC Board meeting at Quantico, Virginia: 22-24 October 2002.

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1. **REFERENCE:** USSOCOM/USMC Board Meeting Summary, 22-24 Jan 02 (TAB A).

2. **PURPOSE:** Provide Joint USSOCOM/USMC Board Executive Summary to the command.

3. **DISCUSSION:**

a. On 9 November 2001, an MOA between USSOCOM and USMC was signed by USCINCSOC and CMC. To implement the MOA, a USSOCOM/USMC Board was convened on 22-24 Jan 2002. The objectives of the board were to examine current capabilities and missions and leverage the unique capabilities of each organization to enhance interoperability; to establish and continue the interface between CONUS-based and Theater-based SOF and deploying Marine air-ground tasks forces; and to synchronize USSOCOM and USMC warfighting developments, as well as materiel research and procurement initiatives.

b. The following working groups were established to achieve the objectives:


- (1) Operations
- (2) Future Concepts
- (3) Training
- (4) Information Operations
- (5) Communications
- (6) Intelligence
- (7) Equipment/Technology
- (8) Aviation

c. The USSOCOM/USMC Board Meeting Summary (TAB A) is very comprehensive and intended to be an official record of the board's activities and assignment of responsibility. Each working group is represented by specific topics and future agenda items. Comments, at the Center Deputy and action officer level, have already been incorporated into the USSOCOM/USMC Board Meeting summary. HQMC has approved the Board Meeting Summary at TAB A.

d. The Executive Summary at TAB X is intended to be a joint document between HQMC and USSOCOM.

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of attached proposed after action Executive Summary at TAB X.

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